and because of this also die. You have to have projects of cleaning the lakes *...(Interruption)...* The Same thing is there in Bhopal also.

SHRI T.R. BAALU: Madam, such projects have been taken up in Powai, Ooty, Kodaikanal, etc. because this problem was there. By treating polluted power, the problem of water hyacinth would also be solved.

डा. प्रभा ठाकुर : मैडम, उदयपुर को झीलों की नगरी कहा जाता है, वहां पर भी ऐसे प्लांट की बहुत आवश्यकता है और पुष्कर सरोवर जिससे करोड़ों श्रद्धालुओं की भावनाएं जुड़ी हुई है, वहां भी इसकी बहुत आवश्यकता है। मैं आपके माध्यम से माननीय मंत्री जी से निवेदन करना चाहूंगी कि इसे भी आप अपनी परियोजना में शामिल करने की कृपा करें।

SHRI T.R. BAALU: Madam, the State Government should send us a proposal in this regard. We will consider it.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I think you should write a letter to the State Government. It is my suggestion. You write to the State Government. You do not depend on them. You have take this initiative on your own.

SHRI T.R. BALLU: I am very frequently interacting not only with the Chief Ministers but also with concerned Ministers. But the State Governments have to make use of the funds given by the Central Government for such type of projects.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Death of animals in Sariska

†*286. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of ENVIROMENT AND FOREST be pleased to state:

(a) the number of animals that died in Sariska Sanctuary this year as on date;

(b) the reasons for-the death of animals;

(c) the steps taken by Government to check recurrence of such incidents infuture; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The State Government has reported that 17 animals have died in Sariska Tiger Reserve from 1.2.2002 to date. Important reasons of death include infighting injuries, traumma, liver disease, poaching; and road accidents. The exact reason of death in case of two animals could not be ascertained because major portion of carcass was eaten by scavengers and the postmortem of the animals was not possible.

(c) The steps taken by the State to safeguard against such incidents include:

(I) Diversion of heavy vehicles outside the prime wildlife habitat.

(ii) Regulating the speed of vehicles inside Sariska Sanctuary.

(iii) Regular patrolling by field staff and equipping them appropriately.

(iv) Improvement of the wildlife habitat and augmenting the water supply through water holes and anicuts.

(v) Involvement of local communities and Non-Governmental Organization in wildlife conservation efforts.

(vi) Strengthening of communication network.

(d) Question does not arise.

Bio-Technology Policy of West Bengal

*287. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the West Bengal Government have launched a new bio-technology policy, to meet the future requirements;

(b) if so, whether the main trust of the policy would be on agriculture and food-based products, medicinal plants and environment;

(c) whether the Union Government have provided all assistance to the West Bengal Government, to implement the same;

(d) if so, whether such scheme has been launched in other States also; and